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MEMORANDUM TO SECRETARY, NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY.

SUBJECT: Definitions.

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1. In accordance with request of [REDACTED], the following definitions of terms used in CIG 12, CIG 12/1, and the new version of the latter now under preparation, are offered:-

a. Central Register - A file to be established by and in the Central Intelligence Group in which will be recorded - in a form mutually agreed upon by the interested intelligence agencies of the Government - the location, nature, reliability, etc., of all foreign intelligence information related to the national security in the possession of and acquired by the Government. The general function of Central Register is to provide a central and easily administered means of facilitating access by one agency to information in the physical possession of another agency and the exchange of valuable information by and between authorized agencies.

b. Contact Register - A portion of the Central Register in which will be recorded the name, reliability, security, business connection, etc., of each individual contacted by any of the Government intelligence agencies as a source of foreign intelligence information related to the national security. The function of the Contact Register is to provide a means for preventing duplication of contacts with sensitive sources.

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## Remarks:

The concept of a central register for all intelligence information (plus a Contact Register for sources) first appeared between mid-August and mid-Sept, 1996. See HS/HC-276, files on CIG-12, 12/1, 12/3, etc.

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